

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to Amendment filed on 03/31/2008. Amendments to the claims and specification have been acknowledged. Replacement drawing sheet for Fig. 1 has been accepted.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Eller on 05/28/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

With regards to claim 1:

- Line 7: the comma in "the, first" has been deleted.
- Line 8: the comma in "the ,first" has been deleted.
- Line 13: the apostrophe in "second' expiratory" has been deleted.
- Line 18: the comma in "slot, and" has been deleted.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTIAN Y. JANG whose telephone number is (571)270-3820. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Fri. (8AM-5PM) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor II can be reached on 571-272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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